

### IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (**currently amended**). An adhesive tape having a backing and a cohesive adhesive composition, wherein the cohesive adhesive composition is a butadiene-acrylate dispersion having a butadiene content of more than 55% in a blend with natural rubber latex and has been coated onto the backing and then dried.

Claim 2 (previously presented). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the natural rubber latex is either of the low ammonia or of the high ammonia type.

Claim 3 (**currently amended**). The tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein said butadiene-acrylate is a mixture of different ~~butadiene-acrylate types~~ butadiene-acrylates and said natural rubber latex is a mixture of different ~~natural rubber latex types~~ natural rubber latexes.

Claim 4 (previously presented). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition is chemically crosslinked.

Claim 5 (**currently amended**). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition is crosslinked by electron beam crosslinking (EBC).

Claim 6 (previously presented). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein its aging stability is improved by the addition of aging inhibitors and UV stabilizers.

Claim 7 (**currently amended**). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the backing is comprised of a material selected from the group consisting of a polyolefins, polyesters, PVC or and paper.

Claim 8 (original). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the application rate of the adhesive composition is 10-120 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

Claim 9 (**currently amended**). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein to improve the anchoring of the composition the surface of the backing is physically surface treated by corona or flame pretreatment or is pretreated coated with a primer.

Claim 10 (original). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the butadiene-acrylate dispersion is a carboxylated butadiene-acrylate dispersion.

Claim 11 (**currently amended**). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fraction of natural rubber latex is in the range 5-80%, based on the total solids content of butadiene-acrylate copolymer and natural rubber latex.

Claim 12. (cancelled)

Claim 13. (cancelled)

Claim 14 (**currently amended**). The adhesive tape of claim 4, wherein said adhesive composition is chemically crosslinked with a crosslinker selected from the group

consisting of aluminum chelate, titanium chelate, ~~other metal complexes~~, isocyanates and epoxys.

Claim 15 (previously presented). The adhesive tape of claim 11, wherein said range is 20-50%.

Claim 16 (previously presented). The adhesive tape of claim 1, wherein said adhesive composition is free of tackifier resin.